



ANNUAL REPORT

2022

GROWING A
CITY IN A PARK



MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

The 2022 annual report for the Department of Parks and Outdoors is a fantastic way to understand what it means to live in Chattanooga. We are a city that lives life out loud in its parks, on sports fields, in the arts, on outdoor adventures, and celebrating special events together. Our hope is that this report gives all of us a bit deeper appreciation for the depth of work done by a team of parks professionals, partners, volunteers, and you, that make our city such a vibrant and active place to call home. In 2023, we look forward to joining you in a park, on a court or sports pitch, producing art, watching a concert, birdwatching, golfing, or swimming in one of our pools. This is your #CityInAPark - get out and enjoy it!

Scott Martin
Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors Administrator



GROWTH IN 2022



**Scott Martin joins
as DPO Administrator**



**South Chickamauga
Greenway completed**



**Greenway Conference Center
opens Summer 2022**



**Gail Loveland Barille joins as
Outdoor Chattanooga Director**



**\$500,000 secured
for playgrounds & upgrades**



**First Parks and Outdoors Plan
launched in 20 years**



**Largest Softball tournament ever
Record rounds golf played**



**Arts, Culture and Creative Economy
forms-Carmen Davis joins as director**



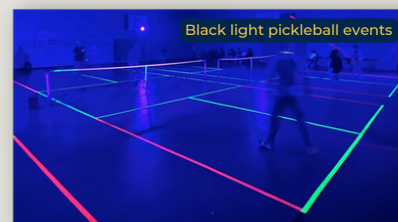
**DPO hosts Magic of Lights drive thru
holiday light show. 14k cars visit.**



**Outdoor Chattanooga, aquatics and
camps waitlisted as demand climbs.**



**Fitness Center re-opens.
New locker rooms at Warner Park**



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Eastdale Recreation Community Celebration

PEOPLE , COMMUNITY AND NATURE IN 2022



333,000+

Attended LARGE and small scale events

4

Large pickleball events



1,135

Players
of all ages
+ waitlisted!

Chattanooga Fitness Center programs return



Therapeutic events

20 5,000

Served

78,094 Rounds (record!)

38 Tournaments

57 School matches



36K

Visited
Champions
Tennis Complex

1,100

In youth
sports &
camps



34,437

at our 4 pools
+ Dive in movies



50

Tennis/softball
tournaments

Economic
impact

\$33m

3

Outdoor
youth
CAMP



5,472

Outdoor Chattanooga
participants + waitlist



85

Programs & youth
group
partners

Satisfaction: **94%!**



4

New

Playgrounds

Park/facility reservations

4,435

1,014

Work
orders
completed



349

311 request
addressed

Doubled Natural
Resources, Therapeutic
Recreation & Special
Events Teams



67 New trees



New shrubs **266**



68 New



21,300

Engaged in Parks
and Outdoors Plan
-the first in 20 years

912 hrs

363

Volunteers
28 Projects



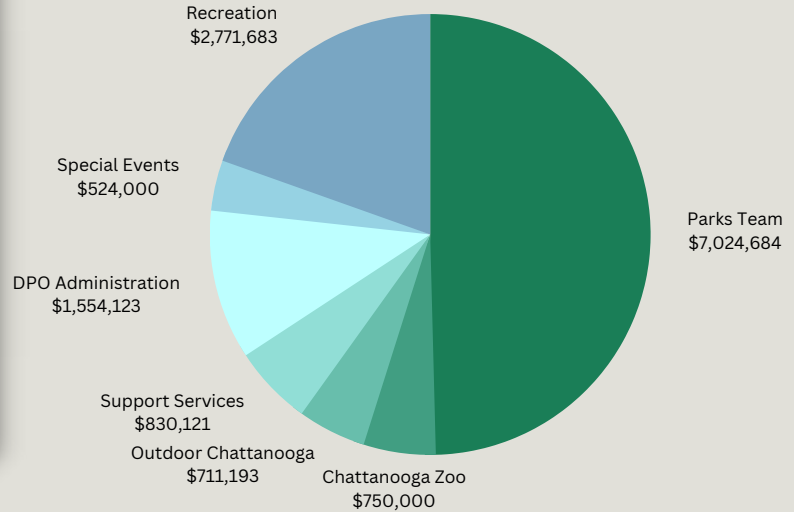
In the Park
Stewardship
Program-26%
increase from '21



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THE NUMBERS



OUR VISION

A City in a Park

In Chattanooga every one will have access to a well-loved, well-used and well-cared for system of parks, recreation and outdoor spaces that fosters community belonging and well-being and enhances our unique and breathtaking natural setting.

OUR MISSION

We are community builders, connecting all Chattanoogaans and guests to the benefits of parks, recreation, nature, adventure, history, culture and the arts.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe PEOPLE:

- Have a fundamental right to the benefits offered by the natural spaces surrounding us.
- Have a fundamental right to be safe, welcomed and respected in all public spaces.
- Deserve to have the highest level of trust in those who represent the Department of Parks and Outdoors.



We believe COMMUNITY:

- Acknowledgement of historic inequity of and injustice in public spaces is necessary for individual and community healing, now and for generations to come.
- Is powerfully nurtured in public parks and playgrounds, on playing fields and in sport, in outdoor adventures, closeness to nature, and in public gatherings, celebrations and the arts.
- Is enriched and supported by public parks and spaces that have a strong sense of place.

We believe NATURE:

- Is necessary for sustaining healthy and happy lives, connecting us to one another and to every living being.
- Has provided Chattanooga with its stunningly beautiful landscape and it deserves our respect, care, understanding, and preservation.
- Offers lessons that can guide us to a more sustaining and healthy relationship with the natural environment and the climate we depend on for life and livelihood.

“The richness I achieve comes from Nature, the source of my inspiration.” – Claude Monet

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